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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 18th October 1962

SUBJECT:—*Import of 'fruits' all sorts excluding coconuts and cashewnuts, fresh, dried, salted or preserved, n.o.s and excluding dates (S. No. 21(a)/IV) Asafoetida (S. No. 31/V), Cumin seeds and medicinal herbs from Afghanistan.*

No. 143-ITC(PN)/62.—Attention is invited to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Public Notice No. 122-ITC(PN)/62 dated the 19th September, 1962 according to which imports of fruits (dried and fresh) falling under S. No. 21(a)/IV and Asafoetida falling under S. No. 31/V, Cumin seeds and Medicinal herbs are to be allowed from Afghanistan through approved importers on an *ad-hoc* basis.

2. It has been decided that in addition to the approved importers referred to in para 1 of the Public Notice mentioned above, New Comers who undertake to export non-traditional items to Afghanistan within a period of ten months i.e., from 1st October, 1962 to 31st July, 1963 should also be permitted to import within a specified monetary ceiling fruits etc. detailed above from Afghanistan for value equal to the value of their exports. For this purpose, cotton textiles, tea, art silk goods, woollen goods, imitation zari goods, leather and rubber goods and motor parts will not be treated as non-traditional items of export to Afghanistan.

3. Firms intending to export non-traditional items of goods to Afghanistan during the period from 1st October 1962 to 31st July 1963 should, therefore, apply for registration as 'New Comer' importer from Afghanistan to the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports & Exports, Central Licensing Area, New Delhi or the Joint Chief Controller of Imports & Exports, Bombay as the case may be, giving the following particulars:—

- (1) Name and address of the firm.
- (2) Name of Proprietor(s), Directors, etc.
- (3) Name of the branches, if any, and addresses thereof.
- (4) Statement of actual past exports of non-traditional goods to Afghanistan during the past, if any.
- (5) In case the applicant has been exporting goods to Afghanistan, the number of the EP or EPI licence issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The information at (2)–(5) should be furnished on affidavits. Applications for registration should reach the licensing authorities on or before 15th November, 1962.

Firms who are already registered as 'New Comer' importer from Afghanistan in terms of Public Notices No. 90-ITC(PN)/59 dated 30th September 1959 and No. 108-ITC(PN)/60 dated 12th September 1960 need not apply for fresh registration and they can apply for permits after effecting exports of non-traditional goods to Afghanistan in terms of this Public Notice.

5. Permits under this Public Notice will not be granted to the firms on an advance basis but the same will be issued for a value equal to the value of their non-traditional exports to Afghanistan *only after* despatch of goods from Afghanistan i.e., on the same basis on which permits are issued to approved importers. The 'New Comer' firms should, therefore, after exporting non-traditional goods to Afghanistan, arrange for import of goods from that country for a value equal to the value of their exports and then apply to the licensing authorities for issue of permits along with the documents specified in para 2 of the Public Notice No. 122-ITC(PN)/62 dated 19th September 1962. Necessary export documents must also accompany the application for permits.

6. The 'New Comer' firms will submit by the tenth day of every month a statement to the licensing authorities concerned showing in respect of the preceding month the details of actual exports effected to Afghanistan and imports effected thereagainst with progressive totals.

SUBJECT: *Simplification of procedure for grant of incentives against exports under the Export Promotion Scheme.*

No. 144-ITC(PN)/62.—Attention is invited to sub-para (j) of para 2(C) Scheme of Appendix 23 to the current Import Trade Control Red-Book (page 517).

2. It has been decided to add as sub-para (jj) after the existing sub-para (j) in Appendix 23 on page 517 of the current Red-Book:—

"(jj) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-para (j), the following documents may be accepted in the case of claims by exporters for import entitlements against export under Export Promotion Schemes other than the Export Promotion Scheme for Art Silk and Rayon Fabrics:

- (i) Bill of lading, invoices and an undertaking from the exporter that the banker's certificate regarding receipt of foreign exchange will be produced within six months (The undertaking may be given by a letter addressed to the licensing authority. Any request for extension of the period of the above mentioned 'six months' may be addressed to the licensing authority who will consider such requests on merits).

OR

- (ii) Copy of an irrevocable letter of credit (certified by a bank) and a letter addressed by the exporter to the licensing authority undertaking to effect exports before the expiry of the letter of credit and to produce the relative Bill of lading and invoice.

NOTE 1.—In the above two cases, the licensing authority will not ask for any bank guarantee.

NOTE 2: In lieu of invoices, a certificate from the exporters' auditors or bankers giving details of the goods exported, quantity, rate and value will be accepted. Similarly, in lieu of the banker's certificate regarding receipt of foreign exchange, a certificate from the exporter's auditors will be accepted".

3. The position stated in Public Notice No. 118-ITC(PN)/62 dated the 15th September, 1962 should be deemed to be modified accordingly.

4. It has also been decided to accept the intimation slip given by the Postal Department to the Indian recipient of the proceeds of the exports by post as an evidence of receipt of payments. The following additions may, therefore, be deemed to have been made in the sub-paragraph 2(j)(B)(iii) of Appendix 23 to the current Import Trade Control Red-Book:—

"Alternatively, the intimation slip given by the Postal Department to the Indian recipient of the proceeds of the export by post, could be accepted as evidence of receipt of payment."

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